HOUSE BILL 1359 By Ritchie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3, relative to the issuance of driver licenses to persons younger than twenty-one (21) years of age.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-334, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 55-50-334.

- (a) If the licensee is less than twenty-one (21) years of age, the driver license shall be of a distinctive color to allow such license to be readily differentiated from other licenses and shall bear the words and numbers "Under 21 Driver License", in addition to other secure features identifying the licensee as being under twenty-one (21) years of age.
- (b) A license issued to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall expire thirty (30) days after the licensee's twenty-first birthday.
- (c) A license issued to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall not be included in the five (5) year renewal cycle established in Section 55-50-337. Such license shall be valid from initial issuance until thirty (30) days after the licensee's 21st birthday, at which time such license shall expire and the licensee shall be required to apply for a regular photo identification driver license, which shall be issued and renewed in compliance with the five (5) year cycle established in Section 55-50-337. License fees

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due under Section 55-50-323 shall be prorated to reflect the appropriate fee for renewal cycle of greater or lesser length than five (5) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.

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